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worth thinks he has proved that the eastern sandstone conformably underlies the copper-bearing rocks, and that both are of the same geological age, and that the evidence brought forward by Dr. Rominger until disproved, shows that Messrs. Foster and Whitney were correct in regarding it as of Potsdam age.

Two other papers by Mr. Wadsworth appear in the Geological series of the Bulletin of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, (Nos. III, IV, May 1881). No. III is on an occurrence of gold in Maine, at Sullivan, Hancock county. No. IV, is of considerable interest, being a microscopical study of the iron ore, or peridotite of Iron Mine hill, Cumberland, R. I. The rock is similar to the celebrated iron ore of Taberg, Sweden, which has been worked for over 300 years. As it was impossible by field observations to determine the origin of the rock, Mr. Wadsworth concludes that it is most probably eruptive in its nature. This examination may serve, the author adds, as an illustration of the aid that microscopical lithology may be to the practical side of life.

THE ECONOMIC ENTOMOLOGY OF ONTARIO, CANADA.<sup>1</sup>—This is one of a series of reports which have been annually issued since 1870 by a Society which has done much good, both in the Provinces and in the United States, towards compiling and diffusing a knowledge of the habits of our more injurious insects. These reports are mostly made up of compilations from American authors, and while the scientific organ of the Society, the *Canadian Entomologist*, which has many contributors in the States, publishes much that is new about our common injurious insects, it would be well if our Canadian friends could find the opportunity to make and publish in their Annual Report original observations, for the field is a wide one, and original observers are sadly needed.

THE GEOLOGY OF INDIANA.<sup>2</sup>—While the larger proportion of this report is devoted to statistics and allied subjects, about one hundred pages bear upon the geology and palæontology of the State, the latter comprising descriptions of the more characteristic fossils of Indiana, by Dr. C. A. White, adapted for the use of the public and beginners in the study.

RECENT BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.—Klassen und Ordnungen des Thier-Reichs. Dr. H. G. Bronn, Fortgesetzt von C. K. Hoffmann, Prof. in Leiden. Sechstes Band, III, Abtheilung. Reptilien, 16. und 17. Lieferung. 12vo, pp. 68, 3 plates. Leipzig und Heidelberg, 1881. From the editors.

Simosaurus pusillus, aus der Lettenkohle von Holeneck, von Dr. Oscar Fraas. Separat-Abdruck aus den Württemb. Naturw. Jahreshften, Jahrg. 1881. 8vo, pp. 6, 1 plate. From auth. r.

Paleoethnologie de L'Antiquité de L'Homme dans les Alpes-Maritimes, par Emile Rivière. Planches en chromo-lithographie par J. Cillay. Gravures sur Bois par Guzman. 4vo, pp. 31, IV, plates. Paris, 1881. From the author.

<sup>1</sup> *Annual Report of the Entomological Society of the Province of Ontario for the year 1880.* Printed by order of the Legislative Assembly, Toronto, 1881. 8vo, pp. 89.

<sup>2</sup> *Second Annual Report of the Department of Statistics and Geology, 1880.* (By JOHN COLLETT, Chief of Bureau.) Indianapolis, 1880. 8vo, pp. 544.